

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. Adjustable overflow (1) for insertion into a tub-like container (60), comprising a foot member (4) having a base (8) with a discharge aperture (12) and a cylindrical tube portion (10) with an axial passageway (16) communicating with said discharge aperture (12), characterised in that a tubular adjusting member (6) is rotatably mounted on or in said tube portion (10), said tube portion (10) being provided with a first (20) adjustment opening (38) and said adjusting member being provided with a second adjustment opening (38), said adjustment openings being arranged such that, in a first turning position of said adjusting member (6) relative to the tube portion (10), said first and second adjustment openings (20, 38) overlap at least partially and define a (first) overflow level (H0), and that, in a second turning position of said adjusting member (6), said first and the second adjustment openings (20, 38) do not overlap, and close the overflow.
2. The overflow as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the tube portion (10) and the adjusting member (6) are open at an end (24) facing away from the base (8), thereby defining a maximum overflow level (H3).
3. The overflow as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the adjustment openings (20, 38, 40, 42) are substantially rectangular, a lower edge (20a; 40a, 42a) in each case facing the base (8) and defining an overflow level (H0, H1, H2).
4. The overflow as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the tube portion (10) has a first adjustment opening (20) running in the axial direction and extending from the base (8) to an end (24) of said tube portion (10) distal from said base (8).

5. The overflow as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the adjusting member (6) has two, three or more adjustment openings (38, 40, 42) arranged so as to be staggered in the circumferential and axial directions and, together with the first adjustment opening (20) of the tube portion (10), defining a corresponding number of overflow levels (H0, H1, H2).
6. The overflow as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterised in that stop means are provided for locking different relative turning positions between the adjusting member (6) and the base (8).
7. The overflow as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the base (8) has a flat bearing surface (30) adjacent to the tube portion (10) and running radially.
8. The overflow as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the base (8) has two stops (46, 48) to limit a turning angle.
9. The overflow as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the discharge aperture (12) is aligned transversely to the cylindrical tube portion.
10. The overflow as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the overflow consists entirely or partially of a material, especially a ceramic material, which automatically becomes water-permeable after it has been wet for a certain time.
11. The overflow as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterised in that a further discharge aperture (12a) is provided, which is arranged so as to be staggered in the circumferential direction and in particular is disposed opposite the discharge aperture (12).

12. The overflow as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterised in that an inspection opening (52) is disposed in the region of the base in an extension of the passageway (16) and communicating therewith.
13. The overflow as claimed in claim 12, characterised in that the inspection opening (52) is sealed with a removable cap (54).
14. The overflow as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the base (8) is provided, in the region of the passageway (16), with a means for connecting a drainage hose, especially with an external and/or internal threaded portion (101), a hose union or a hose plug-in member (102).
15. The overflow as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterised in that at least one adjustment opening (20, 38, 40, 42) and/or the open end of the adjusting member (6) is/are designed in the form of a grating.
16. A storage platform (80) for storing, watering and transporting plants, the storage platform being tub-like in design and having at least one overflow as claimed in any of the preceding claims for defining a desired level of liquid.
17. The storage platform as claimed in claim 16, characterised in that the storage platform is rectangular and has two mounting members (88) in each case on two parallel narrow sides for hanging them in rack struts (84), each mounting member (88) having an engagement end portion ending freely.
18. The storage platform as claimed in claim 17, characterised in that the engagement end portions of the mounting members (88) are in each case disposed in a corner region of the storage platform.
19. The storage platform as claimed in any of claims 16 to 18, characterised in that an outlet member is disposed on the storage

platform, which is made in particular of ceramic material and automatically becomes water-permeable after it has been wet for a certain time.

20. A watering device (90) for storing, watering and transporting plants, with at least two storage platforms (80) arranged one on top of the other in accordance with any of claims 16 to 19, said storage platforms (80) being arranged in such a way that any liquid draining away via the overflow (1) of a/each storage platform flows into a storage platform (80) below, especially one arranged immediately adjacent to it.